

REMARKS

In the amendments above, Claims 1, 14, 16, 17, 20, 25, 27, 29, 31, 32, 37, 38, and 45-59 have been amended, and Claims 50 and 51 have been cancelled, to more particularly point out and distinctly claim Applicants' invention.

Claims 1 to 51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner's attention is directed to the amendments above, wherein it is believed that the amendments to the claims overcome this rejection. Claims 50 and 51 have been cancelled without prejudice to inclusion in a continuation or divisional application.

Claims 50 and 51 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by the Darrow et al. patent. Cancellation of these claims renders moot any discussion of this rejection.

Claims 1-30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by the Allen et al. '520 Patent. The Examiner maintains that Allen et al. disclose the claimed device of a flexible sensor having a capacitor and an inductor which measures pressure; and that Applicants' specification, page 12, lines 3-10, further states that the pressure sensor of the invention can be manufactured using micro-machining techniques and an example of this type of sensor is described in Allen et al. clearly showing that the claimed sensor is already well known in the art.

Applicants respectfully traverse the above rejection.

As the Examiner has noted, there are similarities between the sensor taught by Allen et al. and Applicants' invention. However, there are also significant differences, including the fact that Applicants have designed a sensor capable of being delivered to, and resident in, a human body, for measuring a bodily parameter such as pressure or

temperature. Allen et al. do not teach or suggest a sensor suitable for percutaneous delivery to a human. Rather, the Allen et al. sensor is intended for industrial application. Further, Allen et al. do not teach or suggest the use of materials that are safe and practical for intra-body procedures.

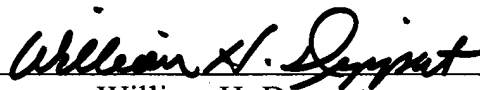
The Examiner's attention is directed to the amended claims above, which is believed to more clearly distinguish the '520 Patent.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims herein are not obvious in view of the '520 Patent and that the rejection based upon the '520 Patent should be withdrawn.

In addition, an Information Disclosure Statement was recently forwarded to the USPTO. A copy of the form PTO-1449 from said document is attached hereto.

Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims herein are respectfully requested.

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